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The transfer market this season, has been very quiet to say the least, but we can report a little activity from our point of view.

Since our last home game our defender Brian Thompson, who joined us from non-league side Yeovil Town back in November last year, has returned to the non-league scene.

Brian has joined the Alliance League side Maidstone United. He was very unlucky since joining the Field Mill staff, for a spell of injuries kept him out of contention for much of last season after he had joined us, and this perhaps had an unsettling affect on the player.

We wish him well with his new club which incidentally is managed by a former Notts County goalkeeper Barry Watling.

Also since our last home fixture, the luck has been really against us for we suffered a real blow at Bury when young Adrian Burrows had the misfortune to break his right leg.

This is certainly a real setback both for Adrian and the club, although fortunately Kevin Bird is in our ranks and has been able to drop back to his favourite No. 6 position, and has done really well in the couple of games played since Aidey's accident.

Adrian is making satisfactory progress, and we hope that it will not be overlong before he is able to get back into training.

Last Saturday we had a most disappointing result at

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Aldershot particularly in view of the many reports that we played exceptionally well, perhaps our best performance to date.

Once again we could not complain about the number of chances which came our way, which were sufficient to give us a good result if only we had put some of them away.

Unfortunately, as in the last few outings, our strikers have gone off the boil.

To-day we welcome our visitors Wigan Athletic, who although comparative newcomers to the Football League are no strangers to Field Mill.

We well remember our F.A. Cup replay at Field Mill in December 1974 which we won 3-1 after a 1-1 draw at Wigan on the Saturday in terrible conditions.

A real coincidence, for in December 1957 precisely the same scoreline took us into the third round of the cup after a replay, at Wigan's expense.

Wigan has made a reasonable start to the season and have eight points to their credit having played the same number of games as us — eight.

It is vitally important that we get back into winning ways this afternoon, as our next two matches are both away from home.

We are at Plough Lane, Wimbledon on Tuesday evening and at Southend United's Roots Hall on Friday evening.

After that we are at home to Tranmere Rovers on Monday 6th October and to Bradford City the following Saturday.

Both the away games will be stern tests for us for both teams have done reasonably well so far.

Wimbledon proved to be a good footballing side when we defeated them 1-0 a couple of weeks ago, and Southend have only recently come off the top of the table when they surprisingly went down 1-0 to Doncaster Rovers.

Our young players have made progress in the F.A. Youth Cup with a narrow 1-0 win over the Leicestershire side Hunstone United.

The visitors put up a real fight and it was only by an Ian Jamieson goal during a goalmouth scramble which saw us through.

Our opponents in the next round will be neighbours Chesterfield at Field Mill on Thursday October 2nd at 7.30 p.m.

On Tuesday evening our reserves took on Doncaster Rovers Reserves at Field Mill.

Our A team has had a satisfactory start to their league programme. Last Saturday they made the long trip to Bristol City and returned with a very creditable 2-2 draw.

This morning they were due to take on Stoke City at home.

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Fourth Division Scene

by Tony Pullien

ROBINSON'S FIRST JOLTS STAGS

A goal from free-transfer bargain Stuart Robinson took Aldershot to the top of the Fourth Division last weekend. Robinson's first goal for the Shots, following his summer arrival from Newcastle, was enough to send the Stags home pointless and give the Hampshire club their fourth successive victory.

Robinson could turn out to be a top shot in the Fourth Division for, though he played only a dozen League matches for Newcastle, he scored a couple of goals and once he has had the chance to settle down to regular League soccer he could come up trumps.

Aldershot base their tactics very much around a tough defence for they are the lowest-scoring side amongst the leaders, with only 10 goals from eight matches. But they've conceded only three goals, two of these on the opening day of the season in a 2-2 draw at Scunthorpe. Since then the Shots have conceded only one goal — when suffering their only defeat at Wigan (0-1).

The Fourth Division's last unbeaten record went when Southend crashed 0-1 at Doncaster, a team that has itself been showing a remarkable improvement. That was Doncaster's fourth win on the trot and it tucked them in nicely behind the leading clubs.

Doncaster manager Billy Bremner's name had been mentioned in connection with one of the vacancies at Leeds United, his old club, and his team's improvement had seemed to come at a timely moment. It was felt he might join his old colleague Allan Clarke as assistant-manager at Elland Road.

Though Mr. Clarke sacked the entire coaching staff, Mr. Bremner did not appear to be part of his plans for, by one, he has filled the vacancies. And Mr. Bremner looked as if he would be remaining at Belle Vue.

Hereford manager Frank Large suddenly finds himself with all manner of problems. Having signed almost a completely new team since he took over last season, and placed several of his existing staff on the transfer list, he looked back on only one victory in eight League games.

A 0-2 defeat at Hartlepool last weekend left them second from the bottom of the table, facing what would be their second successive application for re-election. It's a worrying thought for Edgar Street officials that their League status could be snatched away from them in just as dramatic a way as they won it in 1972.

Hereford got in on account of a fabulous F.A. Cup run. They then rose quickly up the divisions to take their place in the Second Division in 1976. But they remained only one season. And by 1978 they were back in the Fourth Division again. Last season they finished in the bottom four for the first time and, though they gained maximum votes on that occasion, they might not find the voting members quite so keen if they have to go forward again this season.

Crewe manager Tony Waddington realises that his club would be in even graver danger should they finish in the bottom four again. In spite of the changes he has

made over the past few months, Crewe made a poor start to the season but two successive victories have brought a few smiles back to Gresty Road.

Crewe were shocked when Clive Nattress gave Halifax an early lead at Gresty Road last Saturday. But defender John McMahon replied with a snap equaliser and Terry Conroy, who is now the Republic of Ireland's assistant-manager, hit Crewe's winner. During the previous mid-week Crewe won 3-1 away to Bury and, with five points from four away games, have an impressive away record.

They will need to maintain last week's home form if they are to stay clear of trouble, and hold their support, though. Crewe had been beaten in all their previous three home games.

Tranmere Rovers hoped to complete their search for a successor to Manager John King this week. One name mentioned was Mike Docherty, the son of Q.P.R. boss, Tommy Docherty. Docherty junior was forced to give up his playing career in 1979 because of a knee injury, after serving Burnley, Manchester City and Sunderland. He remained on Sunderland's coaching staff and the prospect of becoming the League's youngest manager at 29 excited him. "It's nice to know I may come under consideration for the Tranmere job," he said last weekend. "But to put the record straight, I haven't been offered the job yet, though I would obviously take it if given the chance."

A Ken Beamish goal, his first of the season, gave Tranmere their second League victory of the season last weekend. It was enough to send Torquay United home pointless.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

What's in a name? You might well ask, but as far as Coventry City football club are concerned, they will tell you it is an awful lot of money.

You see, Coventry City wanted to change their name to Coventry Talbot as part of a revolutionary sponsorship deal with the local car manufacturers.

The club's Chairman, Jimmy Hill, of 'Match of the Day' fame explained: "The idea of this sponsorship is to benefit both Coventry City football club and Talbot cars. Like all football clubs in these difficult days we have a problem making ends meet and this would be another source of income. We have the gates, and lotteries and then this type of sponsorship would just add a third leg to the stool."

However the Football Association decided to veto the request and so followed the usual pattern of putting off today what will inevitably follow tomorrow.

UNDERSTANDABLE

One can understand a certain amount of trepidation and caution on behalf of the authorities because they must satisfy themselves that such a step would not demean the dignity of a football club and in turn the competition to which they were a party. But surely it does not take long to answer that question.

Show jumping certainly has not suffered because some horses have had brand names coupled to their own. In fact if you look at sport in general you can not escape the fact that sponsorship is now as much a part of major promotions as the competitors themselves.

No matter where you look it is life and no where is it more prevalent than in that most conservative of sports, cricket. We have had the Cornhill Tests, the Gillies Cup, the Schwabes County Championship and the John Player League.

Even athletics has come up with the Brush Metal Games, while motor sport and racket games have enjoyed the fruits of commercial backing for many years.

DIFFERENCE?

Granted all these sponsorships have not involved individual clubs. But what is the difference? The Football Association itself has involved itself heavily with sponsorship and it seems rather illogical that they should uphold a rule that prevents a Football League club doing a similar sort of thing.

What more harm can Coventry Talbot do than say the Berger (Ishtman) League?

As Mr. Hill says: "Coventry Talbot sounds a very nice name, it rolls off the tongue. At first the idea might sound weird, but these things happen in life now. All sorts of things are different from a few years ago. I think coupling a brand name with a club name might sound funny to start with, then everybody will accept it, get used to it and won't even worry about it."

In the meantime players will wear a big T on their shirts and drive around in Samara cars. But think what mileage both Talbot and Coventry City would get from a change in the club's name.





PHIL THOMPSON

THERE'S NO SENTIMENT IN THIS GAME

There is no need to ask Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson where he hails from. The strong Scouse accent confirms he is Liverpool through and through.

A handsome lean six-footer he is idolised on Merseyside by the population that favours the reds and although those with affections linked to Goodison Park might openly despise him, they can not conceal an underlying respect for his prowess as a player.

Football on Merseyside is more than just a Saturday afternoons entertainment, it is a way of life and for many fans it is the focal point of their existence.

At 26, Phil Thompson is on top of his world. A regular and important member of Ron Greenwood's England side, he led Liverpool to their twelfth Championship trophy last May, at the end of his first full season as the captain.

He takes the job of captain very seriously. For him it is a great honour to be a key figure in the best club in the land and considers it his personal duty to ensure that Liverpool maintain their position and continue to carry on winning trophies.

"I think Liverpool will do very well again this season," says Thompson confidently. "You can never write us off for anything really."

UNLUCKY

"We are always going to be there or thereabouts. Liverpool have been very unfortunate in the Football League Cup and the F.A. Cup in recent years but I suppose that is the way the game is really. But we are always a good banker for the League title because we are the team that can string results together.

"Other teams can put five six or seven results together and then usually fall by the wayside, but at Liverpool we condition ourselves to play 42 games."

Liverpool have become the most successful club in the history of the English game so is there a danger that the players can become too complacent?

Phil adopted one of those, 'you must be joking' looks as he replied: "This is where I think our back-room staff show that they are the best in the country," he said. "If any of us have our heads up in the clouds they will soon knock us down. They know what they have got to do and if they see chinks they don't wait until you fall apart. They look to the future and will always buy a couple of players and this puts pressure on the lads in the team."

"There are no exceptions, it applies to us all. Like the arrival of defender Richard Money has put pressure on me. Will he get into the side and take my position? It is now down to me to make sure he doesn't."

"Of course we have to cover in case of injuries, but players are always brought into Anfield with a view to the future. That is one of the many secrets to our success. Other clubs will tend to wait until a player is over the top before they replace him."

NO SENTIMENT

"There are no sentiments in this game. I don't think so anyway. Once you are here you do your job and if you can make a name for yourself you do so and everybody likes you. Once you can't do your job then that is it. It is no good saying, 'He has done very well, let's keep him in the side to show our appreciation. Football at this level is a business, I did not want to use that word, but that is what it is. We are not in it for laughs and to keep people happy.'"

Phil Thompson has won many medals and experienced the excitement of playing in most of the major cup finals. Has he any burning ambitions left to fulfil?

"I just simply want to win more things for Liverpool. This is my second full season as captain. I was really pleased to pick up the League Championship trophy last spring because my predecessor Emlyn Hughes, had got his hands on a number of things and I felt I must have something to show after my first season, or else people would suggest that I was not such a good captain."

"Now I want to win more things, be even more successful. Success breeds success, there is no question about that. It is a great feeling to be a winner and once you have experienced that the more you hunger for that feeling again. It makes you want to win and win and win again."

"On a personal front I also want to play in the World Cup finals in 1982. The European Championship finals in Italy last summer were my first experiences of international competition in a concentrated form and although we did not do well, I liked the tournament atmosphere and I want more of that type of thing competing at the highest level."

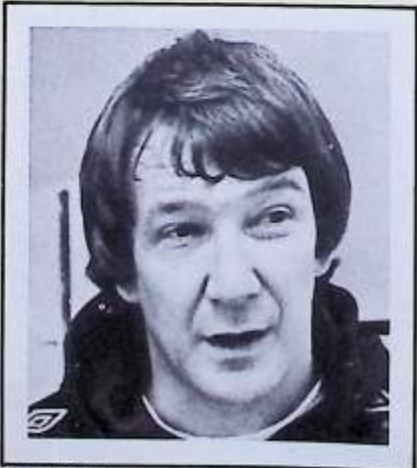
"I got a great kick out of it. In the League you know all the players you are up against, their style, their strengths and weaknesses. But when you have to pit your wits against the highest calibre of players, international stars you might never have met before, it is really invigorating."

THE DOUBLE ACT

By Bernard Joy



John Barnwell



Richie Barker

Within 12 hours of becoming manager of Wolves in November 1978, John Barnwell obtained a partner — Richie Barker from Shrewsbury. Barker had been one of the applicants for the Wolves post and Barnwell signed him, not as an assistant, but as a partner in the business of putting Wolves at the top again.

It is impossible to believe that they were copying the Brian Clough — Peter Taylor partnership. After all, Barnwell and Clough came from the north-east, while Barker played under Taylor at Burton Albion before joining Clough and Taylor at Derby.

Barnwell asserts, however, that it would have been "suicide" to try to capture the chemistry which makes Clough and Taylor such an efficient pairing, and adds "No one person can properly manage a First Division club today. It's really a job for ten men, but two might just get by."

Barnwell knew Barker at Peterborough and was impressed by the way he insisted on being his own man. He did not want a yes man because he regarded such as dangerous, and they often have arguments about picking the team and running the club. The partnership proved so successful that 16 months later they ended Wolves' lean spell by winning the League Cup, beating — of all opponents — Nottingham Forest in the final.

Clough and Taylor took Derby out of the Second Division to win the Championship, and did the same with Forest to win the European Cup twice and the League Cup twice. Clough has no peer as a motivator but rarely attends training sessions and takes family holidays in the season. Taylor advises on new players, whether they be established stars, Peter Shilton, Ken Burns and Trevor Francis, or "unknowns" like Gary Birtles.



The success of Clough and Taylor encourages clubs to accept managers in pairs. At Arsenal Terry Neill explains "I drive the car and Don Howe selects the gears." Coach Howe was Bertie Mee's right hand man in the 1970-1 Cup and League double season and came back to steer Arsenal to the FA Cup Final in the last three seasons. He coaches, handles the players and organises tactics, while Neill, the front man, has the last say in team selection.

When Geoff Hurst took over at Chelsea, he persuaded Bobby Gould to join him and soon afterwards Gould turned down a lucrative offer to move to Bristol Rovers. Ken Knighton invited Frank Clark from Forest to help put Sunderland back in the First Division. Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell could not have a better-qualified helper than England coach Bill Taylor. Alan Ball went back to Blackpool with Southampton teammate, the much travelled Ted MacDougal. Former West Ham colleagues John Bond and Ken Brown team up at Norwich, while Mike Smith and Cyril Lea bring to Hull the alliance which was profitable with Wales.

The pairing of Tony Book and Malcolm Allison at Manchester City has not been as fruitful as that between Allison and Joe Mercer, which led to winning the Championship, FA Cup, League Cup and Cup Winners' Cup a decade ago. The main reason is that Mercer's vast experience guided and steadied the volatile Allison. In the same way Harry Haslam can pass on advice at Sheffield United to Martin Peters, and Alec Stock to David Webb at Bournemouth. Bertie Mee has been an invaluable adviser to Graham Taylor at Watford, Jimmy Dickinson to Frank Burrows at Portsmouth and 63-year-old Bert Johnson to Alan Buckley at Walsall. Keith Burkinshaw took a wise step when he recalled to Spurs Bill Nicholson, the manager of the Cup and League double side of 1960-1.

Some prefer to take vital decisions on their own, even a strong back-room staff to help. Such are Don Revie, Bill Shankly, Lawrie McMenemy, Ron Saunders and Jimmy Sirrel. But it is such a precarious profession — nearly one thousand managers have been changed since the war — that more clubs are appointing partnerships to share the load.

It is the eve of the 1980-81 football season. In the dimly lit dining room of a well appointed hotel on the outskirts of Cambridge, sit four figures. Colin Addison, the manager of Derby County football club, his assistant John Newman, the club Secretary and Gordon Guthrie the physiotherapist.

The banter across the table is good humoured and lively. Naturally enough the subject is football. There is the inevitable debate on the standard and inconsistencies of refereeing, followed by an illuminating discussion on whether Arsenal had done the right thing in selling teenage goal prodigy Clive Allen, in order to sign a defender.

The atmosphere while relaxed, betrays an inclining of apprehension beneath the surface. Derby County have been made the bookies 9-2 favourites for promotion — and this although not admitted, puts extra pressure on those charged with guiding the clubs fortunes.

Between the general chat, Addison interposes random thoughts. Who will Cambridge play in midfield? Who will be left back? His mind is obviously turning over the probabilities and possibilities of the game tomorrow. Addressing his deputy, Colin suggests the routine they will adopt at half-time.

It is a mental process of checking and double checking, a programme of re-assurance, confirmation in their own minds that the preparation has been right.

The meal is followed by a short stroll in the cool night air. We are now just fifteen hours away from the big kick-off, the moment of truth so to speak, when hopes and fears become reality. Just what is going through Addison's mind? I posed the question.

"I am excited," he said unhesitatingly. "There is no apprehension. I am not a pessimist, I am a supreme optimist and I feel quietly confident. Not over confident, just quietly confident."

THE NIGHT BEFORE



Colin Addison — manager of Derby County the favourites for promotion.

A look at how one manager prepared himself for the big kick-off

"We have worked very hard in pre-season training, our results have been good. We have scored three goals on three occasions and four in the other game so it is looking good. We had just one defeat, 4-3 at Stoke.

"Deep down I don't feel tense, I don't feel taught, we are really looking forward to the season. We must look forward to the season as a team and as a club. Derby County are a First Division side now in the Second Division. We must act that way.

"People tell me that we are favourites and that they fancy us strongly to bounce straight back. If we are going to go straight back then we will have to play like favourites that's for sure.

"But as I say, I don't feel tense, I don't feel tight, I am not worried or concerned, I am looking

forward to it if anything. Yes it is very exciting.

"Obviously it is imperative to get a good start, every manager has the same thought. At the end of the day some will have had a very good start, some a mediocre one and others a poor one. But to Derby County football club it is important, in as much as we are a relegated side. I keep saying relegated, but we are a side that has come down out of the top flight after a decade of successful periods, winning championships and competing in Europe. So if we are going to hang on and pull back then it is important that we get off to a good result. And more than that — the way in which we achieve it will be most important."

Unfortunately for Addison and his followers, Derby County did not match the enthusiasm of their manager and slumped to an ignominious 3-0 defeat at the Abbey Stadium.

Yet not even that could temper the bounce of Colin Addison. After the game he strafed me with those sharp short sentences that are his hallmark: "I am disappointed, I am not satisfied. Cambridge were the better team. They deserved their victory. There are no excuses. But we will get it right."

For Colin and countless other bosses around the country, the problems remain the same.

OSVALDO ARDILES

TALKS FOOTBALL

We have got off to a good start at White Hart Lane this season and the atmosphere at the club is really terrific. I find it very satisfying playing in English football and while on my travels I am continually being asked the question whether I find playing with Tottenham Hotspur more enjoyable than playing in Argentina.

That of course is very difficult to answer because we are talking about two completely different styles of play and it is truthfully impossible to say one type of football is better than the other. To me they are both good.

Of course the styles are dictated by the conditions. Obviously the game in Argentina is slower than in England because of the climate. You just could not do all the running that is such an important part of the English game, under a South American sun. But because the build up of play is much more leisurely that does not mean that South American players are physically slower than the British. It is just a question of style and mentality.

For instance in Argentina I was not considered a particularly fast mover with the ball. Yet here in the Football League I am noted for the speed of my quick darting runs at the opposition. So you see it is just an illusion that the South American players are slower. They are just as sharp and quick as any, it is just that they do not do so much running.

The English are very proud of their football and I am repeatedly being reminded just how competitive the Football League is. Of course it is very competitive and I must admit exciting to play in, there just aren't any easy games, but the competitive edge and spirit is just as keen and demanding in Argentina. I think wherever you have competitions between professional sportsmen the situation is the same.

The only difference here is that we probably have more games to play to complete the league programme and so the pressure is on that much longer.

But football is full of myths. Just as it is wrong to label Argentinians or other nationalities from that continent as slower than the northern Europeans, so it is wrong to assume that Argentinian players are more skilful than the British. It is simply not true, and I will talk about that subject when we next meet.





Graham Kelly

THE SECRETARY OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Perhaps the post of Secretary to the Football League might not seem too important a job to many lay-men. In actual fact it is a vital and key position within the administrative structure, the Secretary being the only professional to sit on the Management Committee, which consists of club directors who are part time and unpaid.

AUTONOMY

The Football league is a self contained organisation. It plays the game under the Laws laid down by the International Football Association Board (FIFA) and is bound by the Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Football Association. But in matters concerning its internal management it has complete autonomy.

You can somewhat gauge the significance of the position of Secretary to this organisation, when you realise that Graham Kelly is only the fifth person to hold the coveted office, since the inception of the League in 1888.

For Kelly, who had passed his A levels at a Blackpool Grammar School then embarked on a career in banking, the opportunity to join that elite band of men, was a golden and precious moment. A native of Blackpool, he admits to having only a slight interest in football as a youngster. No great shakes as a player, although he did gain representative honours as a schoolboy, and played in goal for a local amateur side, he never had any ambitions to make a career in the game.

The change in direction on that great map of destiny, materialised after four frustrating years in banking: "I was never settled in the bank," recalls Kelly. "I did not see myself going to the top in Lombard Street. There was great emphasis placed on the banking examinations and I could not get down to them, so when I saw a position at the Football League advertised, I applied."

That was in 1968 and Graham joined the League's accountant Norman Thomas, at the headquarters in Lytham St. Anne. Shortly after that he was married and the added responsibility made him realise that qualifications would be something to fall back on and so he spent three years ploughing through the Chartered Secretaries course to become a qualified Company Secretary.

He continues: "The position of Deputy Secretary to the Football League was advertised in 1972 and I applied and was eventually appointed Assistant Secretary, when George Readle was made the Deputy Secretary in February 1973."

He spent the next six years in that role, until 1979 when Alan Hardaker became the Director General and Kelly was promoted to the position of Secretary of the Football League.

Says Kelly: "Obviously the Management Committee hesitated and had some reservations about appointing someone so relatively young. I was only 33 at the time, so the ideal solution as far as they were concerned, was to keep

He towers above you like a great colossus, his six foot three inch frame, thatched by a mop of ginger hair. Behind the dark horn rimmed spectacles, lies a benign studious face, a quietly spoken voice and a manner which is friendly yet authoritative.

Still only a young man of 34, he commands one of the most respected and influential administrative positions in English football. Yet the vast majority of the half million or so soccer fans who swell the terraces every Saturday afternoon, would never recognise him. He is Graham Kelly, the Secretary of the Football League.

It is now twelve months since the Football League Management Committee bestowed the appointment on him, in succession to the indomitable figure of Alan Hardaker. At the time it was considered a radical move to engage someone so young at such a critical period in the League's history. Football was undergoing a period of administrative adjustment, major changes were taking place, not least being the controversial introduction of freedom of contract.

Professional football was reaching a cross roads. The League clubs hit by falling gates and ever increasing costs find themselves caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, as players demand higher recompense for their labours. Like British industry in general, the game is feeling the bite of inflation and needs stability and leadership from the top to help steer it through this difficult period.

But then, football is always facing some crisis or other. The forecasts of doom and destruction have been shouted so often, that no one takes heed any more. And indeed if the games top brass were to wait for a period of stability to introduce a new official, they would be kicking their heels for evermore.

As it is the adoption of Graham Kelly has been made with a refreshing foresight towards the future. He is an inexperienced negotiator, that is true, but he is a very capable and efficient administrator who can offer a new, perhaps more progressive approach to the way the game is governed.

Of course when the appointment was made, Alan Hardaker was still in the shadows to lend his experience and give guidance when and if required. His sudden death in March changed the complexion of the situation, but not the mechanics.

Alan Hardaker on for a spell in an advisory capacity.

"This did not diminish my authority in any way, I still maintained the complete powers that the position warranted. As the Secretary I am responsible for implementing the decisions of the Football League Management Committee and this does present certain problems as anyone who deals with committee's will appreciate. You have to take the majority view and try and work as a team as much as possible."

OBJECTS

According to the constitution of The Football League Limited, the objects of the League are to conduct and in every respect control each Season a Football Competition and at all times to safeguard the interests of the Clubs in Full and Associate Membership of The League.

In these modern times that is quite a responsibility. For the football industry has become big business with an annual turnover of millions of pounds.

Contrast that with those early formative years of the pioneers, when the bulk of the League's income was derived from fines slapped on clubs for breaches of regulations. At the close of the second season for instance, the League's total receipts amounted to no more than £141.11s, of which £71.1s was accrued from fines.

There was a certain romance surrounding those days. The League was constituted by a group of men, led by William McGregor of Aston Villa — who was to become the first Chairman. At that time all games were friendlies and sometimes the opposition would forget to turn up, so they tried to assemble some order out of the chaos and organise a group of clubs into a league with set fixtures.

It was all done in a spirit of fairness and equality, but from the very outset the organisation was firm, you might even say professional, with penalties, fines and other restrictions strictly enforced, to bring the member clubs properly into line.

The first Secretary, appointed on the 17th April 1888, was Harry Lockett who carried out his duties in an honorary capacity while continuing to run his own business in Stoke. The hand to mouth existence of the League can be appreciated by the proposal made at the Annual General Meeting of 1890, which was to award Mr. Lockett £30 for his services in the previous two years, and then to appoint him as Secretary on an annual salary of £20.

The salary was increased to 30 guineas a year, twelve months later, and Lockett remained a loyal servant under somewhat difficult conditions for 14 years. One nasty experience happened at the election of officers in 1891, when Mr. Lockett found himself opposed by Mr. J. S. Roscoe (Bolton) and Mr. W. Heath. The result of the poll was Lockett 7 votes, Roscoe 7 votes and Heath none. The Chairmen casting vote was cast in favour of Lockett who retired when the administrative policy was re-organised in 1902.

Tom Charnley, of Preston North End was given the post and he discharged his duties with care and efficiency for 31 years, until he was forced to retire through ill health in 1933. Tom was very well thought of throughout the League and the Management Committee recorded this resolution: "the promises made by his sponsors on nomination and election have been completely fulfilled."

The work load had so increased during Mr. Charnley's time that he was allowed to appoint an assistant in 1920. Fred Howarth was the man and he slipped into the hot seat upon Charnley's departure and stayed there until 1957.

That is when Alan Hardaker, a blunt Yorkshireman, took up the reins. Prior to his appointment it must be confessed that the Chairman and from 1892 on, the President, had been the guiding lights. Hardaker changed that and was responsible for much of the legislation that is now in practice. He proved to be a tough skilful negotiator and played a crucial role in two major and bitter disputes between the League and the Professional Footballers Association, which resulted in the lifting of the maximum wage, and more recently the introduction of freedom of contract.

To follow such a distinguished and respected band of men is to say the least a daunting task. Yet Graham Kelly approaches the job with a maturity beyond his years, tact and professionalism. He might not be as rugged as his

predecessor, but then conditions have altered, there is now more need for sophistication. And besides, Graham possesses his own brand of strength and determination, which can prove just as effective, in the long run.

AMBITION

As one of the games chief administrators, has he any particular ambition he would like to fulfil during his term of office?

"That is very difficult to answer just yet," he explains. "I have had a baptism of fire so to speak, with so many contentious issues, it has been a problem of survival really. I have literally not had time to sit down and ask myself, 'what do I want?' We have had more disputes within the League on the new players contract, which was sent out to clubs shortly before I took on the job, than you could imagine.

"There has been a lot of feeling against certain aspects of that document, and the clubs in general and the managers in particular feel that the way it is formulated will cause a further weakening of club discipline over players.

"We are also committed to improving the Provident Fund, or bringing in a Pension Scheme which was put forward at the AGM of 1979, but did not get the right majority.

"Then the radio and television contracts have been very much to the forefront as has that old talking point about refereeing in general and full time and professional refereeing in particular.

"Really it has been one thing after another and it is difficult to look five years ahead, never mind ten, and say this is what I would like to see develop. As you know nothing happens overnight in football.

"Mind you there is one thing that I would like to see happen and I think will happen and that is the improvement of facilities generally. I think more and more clubs are following this line of thought, but we know there are problems. Money is not always readily available for ground improvements.

"However there have been some important announcements over the past ten months or so. The Royal Commission on Gambling recommendations, as they affect football, will not be implemented. There will be no national lottery, so the small lotteries run by clubs Development Associations are safer than they were and that is an important step. There will be no abolition of Spot the Ball and this contributes about £3 million a year to the League via the Football Grounds Improvement Trust. That announcement alone meant that overnight the Football League as a whole, could be assured of anything between £15 to £20 million over the immediate few years. Certainly during the course of this Government.

"And this money coming in, I think will provide the catalyst, if a catalyst is needed, for clubs generally to make better use of their grounds and make them more comfortable for the supporters.

"I think this is my main consideration. We get so much bad publicity about the state of our grounds that this is very important and I think we will see tremendous strides over the next ten years. We must try to persuade people to come to matches."

It is early days yet and Graham Kelly is still feeling his way around. A personable young man, he is far from being the garrulous type and like a poker player, tends to keep things close to his chest.

Regretably the pressures of office now makes it hard for him to find enough time for his family; wife, and children Allison 7 and Stephen 5, so his other interests of squash and golf, at which he is quite an expert, have had to be pushed into the background.

The lad who used to cheer on Stanley Matthews from the Bloomfield Road terraces is now at the top. What he makes of it remains to be seen. Time is definitely on his side and if he plays those cards right, Graham Kelly could well prove to be one of footballs most progressive administrators yet.

ROLL CALL OF FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECRETARY'S

1888-1902	HARRY LOCKETT
1902-1933	TOM CHARNLEY
1933-1957	FRED HOWARTH
1957-1979	ALAN HARDAKER
1979-	GRAHAM KELLY

THE ANGLO SCOTS

A new series by Jim McDonald, analyses the Anglo Scots who will be trying to impress Scotland manager Jock Stein and win a place in his World Cup squad.

This week GEORGE BURLEY

THE fact that Ipswich full-back George Burley has gained all his senior caps during Jock Stein's spell of management gives him plenty of confidence.

Not that he's taking anything for granted, of course, because he fully realises that there are other contenders for the number two shirt should the Scots qualify for the World Cup finals two years from now.

He admits: "I'm just one of several players hoping to make that trip. Apart from those who could win a place in the Scottish team at the moment there are probably a couple of youngsters aiming to be ready then."

"But I think I'll be at my peak when the next World Cup comes around. I'll be celebrating my 26th birthday at the same time and that seems an ideal age for a competition where there is so much at stake."

Burley, rejected by Don Revie at Leeds as a 15-year-old, made rapid progress at Portman Road, signing as a professional on his 17th birthday and making his debut just six months later at Old Trafford in what is remembered more as George Best's very last appearance for Manchester United.

Now, almost seven years and more than 300 first team appearances later, Burley is the complete full-back. A crisp tackler, he has a fantastic turn of speed that serves club and country well.

His acceleration over 60 or 70 yards and the ability to pinpoint his crosses to the strikers is an asset to which a great many Ipswich goals over the years can be attributed.

At the time of writing Burley has nine senior caps to add to those he gained at schoolboy, youth, under-21 and under-23 levels for his country as his career was taking shape.

He says: "It was always an ambition to play for my country, of course, and I kidded myself that I would settle for just one game in that navy blue shirt. But once I'd played once I was hungry for more and I'm really excited about the prospect of being involved in the World Cup."

"I know Scotland haven't done very well in the last couple of years but I believe we suffer from the pressure that is created back home by the Press and the fans. You see, the international team is far more important to Scottish supporters than in almost any other country."

"In England, for example, the fans are more concerned with how their clubs perform than how the national side does. It's the very opposite in Scotland and there's the added problem of how to split the team between the Home Scots and the Anglos."

"But I believe Jock Stein has succeeded in getting through to the fans that a good international side is not built

overnight. I'm sure he is on the right lines and I just hope I am part of the future."

Burley admits he has yet to reproduce his club form when representing his country. "But there aren't many Scots who do," he adds, "because a defeat usually means a few changes and I think any player needs about ten games on the trot before he can settle into the side."

"There really is a world of difference between playing for club and country. For a start, there's the pressure. Then there's the problem of getting to know the other lads, adjusting to a different system and the biggest factor of all — playing against better players."

"At international level the most important thing seems to be not losing rather than winning, if you know what I mean. Take the recent European Championships in Italy a few months back — that was a good example of what I am getting at."

"When we played Portugal at Hampden last season in a qualifying game we knew we had no chance of going to Italy. So the pressure was off and we won 4-1. It was a good performance but there were a few injuries after that and I don't think the Boss had another chance to play the same team."

"A defeat for Scotland always brings a call for changes. But there is very little to be gained from always starting all over again. One thing Jock Stein has succeeded in doing is building the basis of his squad and trying to develop a team spirit as you would find at club level."

Burley missed out on Scotland's ill-fated trip to Argentina in 1978 but it was a journey he never really expected to make. The then manager, Ally MacLeod, never took the time to watch him in action. Does this possibly mean that playing for Ipswich has been a drawback?

"Definitely not," he snaps. "It might have been the case a few years ago before my time but since I came into the side we have earned a lot of respect. And we're a team full of internationals."

"Ally MacLeod had been manager at Aberdeen before taking over the national side and he simply preferred his former player, Stuart Kennedy. That's all there was to it."

Oddly enough, a telephone call from Coventry director Joe Mercer, a good judge of a player, to his old friend Jock Stein helped Burley's international career. Mercer was so impressed with his display in a match against his own Sky Blues side that he called Stein with a strong recommendation.

Stein followed up the telephone conversation by watching the full-back in action, liked what he saw and knew Burley was ready for his call-up to senior level.



WHO WAS THE GR OF THEM ALL?

Who was the greatest fighter of ALL-TIME? Ask Muhammad Ali that question and little Sir Ego will assure you there is only one Ali — and he is the greatest fighter of ALL-TIME. And for the aged, the hard of hearing and the disbelievers, the man born Cassius Clay will repeat several times of ALL-TIME! Of ALL-TIME! Of ALL-TIME!!

I agree there never was, there isn't and never will be another Muhammad Ali. But whether this extraordinary man would have beaten Joe Louis at the Brown Bomber's peak or whether his jaw could have stood up to the block-busting of Rocky Marciano, never beaten as a professional in 49 contests, is open to debate.

If asked to name the greatest fighters I've seen in the ring over fifty years I would have to list Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Rocky Marciano, Sugar Ray Robinson and Henry Armstrong.

Yet when I'm asked who were the greatest British champions I've seen from ringside, it is not so easy to pick them out. We've never produced five such super fighters from these islands as the champs I've mentioned.

Sadly, two of the greatest British fighters I've watched were their own worst enemies. And I name Benny Lynch, the pocket Marciano from the Gorbals of Glasgow who became world flyweight champion and Randolph Turpin, the world middleweight champion, who actually dethroned Sugar Ray Robinson and then tossed away a crown of gold.

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Poor Benny. He could lick the best 8 stone fighters in the world, but could never master John Barleycorn. If ever a super champion committed hari-kari it was the Scot who settled for a death-wish from an early age.

The magnificence of Lynch, a murderous puncher and skilled boxer, could only be appreciated when he was battling for the world title when proud and fit and while still making brave attempts to battle against the disease of alcoholism.

The little Scot won the world title knocking out Jackie Brown of Manchester in 2 rounds in 1935. In between championship fights he would descend into Hell, end up drunk in the gutter and drop decisions.

His defence of his title against gallant Peter Kane, of Golborne, is still recalled with fervour by old-timers. During a Glasgow rain-storm in 1937, Benny and Peter smashed into each other for thirteen rounds until Lynch's strength and class proved too much and brave Peter was counted out after a smashing right landed on his jaw.

Alas, Benny was now drinking beyond control. He lost his crown not in the ring but on the scales against the American Jackie Jurich in 1938 when an untrained Lynch weighed in 6½lbs above the 8 stone limit.

His title was immediately confiscated. Yet he still smashed the American to defeat in twelve rounds. Three months later he was knocked out by another

American Kayo Morgan and in three rounds by a Rumanian named Aurel Toma.

He was drunk when he climbed into the ring against an opponent not worthy to lace the boxing boots of the great Benny Lynch.

Sympathisers arranged for him to go into a nursing home and then a monastery. Yet nobody could save this great fighter from himself. He ran away, pawned his many trophies for whisky and was found dead in a Glasgow gutter in 1946 when still only 33.

Some said Lynch was an even greater flyweight than Jimmy Wilde. I know he could have become the greatest 8 stone boxer in the world.

Randolph Turpin didn't drink, but the kid from Leamington never appreciated how great he could have become. The whole of Britain saluted him the night in 1951, when he shook the world with the biggest upset in boxing for a decade, when taking the world crown from Sugar Ray Robinson.

Yet when he returned to New York to defend his new crown against Robinson 64 days later, he had become a playboy, ducking training and living the high life.

He lost the title to Robinson and then deteriorated rapidly. Yet Turpin, like Lynch, could have matched any fighter in the world at pound for pound.

How tragic that these two gladiators tossed away such talent when they could have joined the All-Time greats of boxing.

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THE LITTLE & LARGE SHOW



Kevin Keegan an example to all

Association Football is truly a universal game and undoubtedly one of the major reasons for its great popularity is the fact that it is one of the few physical contact team games in which size and weight are not the predominant requirements for success.

In fact no matter what your size, weight or shape you can put on a pair of boots and go out there and do your thing. To be a good rugby player you need strength and speed, at basketball you require height and to qualify for American Grid Iron football you have to be a physical freak. But in a soccer team there is room and scope for everyone, for a balanced side contains strength, height, speed and skill and it is in this latter category that the little men come into their own.

Indeed football is a sport in which little men can not only flourish, but go on to become big super stars.

The low centre of gravity of smaller men helps them to keep their balance and weave their way past lunging awkward tackles. Such players rely on their skill with the ball and ability to change direction and pace on a sixpence and unlike the bigger men who could well command their places through their physical presence, the little men got there on ability only.

In the United States where Association Football is becoming more popular in the schools and colleges than American football and basketball, it is accepted that the reason is that the game gives equal opportunity to all, irrespective of their physical condition.

Back home here in the Football League there have been countless examples of men of small stature becoming kings of their sport. From the past one remembers little Ernie Taylor, Jimmy Greaves, Billy Bremner and Johnny Giles, to name but a few.

In general they tend to occupy constructive mid-field roles but that is not always the case. Up at Roker Park right now, the fans are singing the

praises of Stan Cummins at 5' 6" a most talented and accomplished winger who is now tearing First Division defences apart. Cummins not only creates but scores as well as his 12 goals in 26 games for Sunderland last season prove.

Over in East Anglia they boast about two little men with big hearts. At Ipswich Town, striker Eric Gates has arrived in the First Division with a bang. Eric who is also 5' 6" has proved that his lack of inches is no handicap when it comes to scoring goals, a great proportion of which are to say the least spectacular.



Eric Gates - a little man with a big shot.

Steve Spriggs is the name that Cambridge United fans chant with gusto. Steve at only 5' 2" is the smallest man in the Football League, yet this talented midfield player has been instrumental in guiding United from the Fourth to the Second Division and he has proved that he can hold his own against the best of company. Just ask

Wolves for confirmation of that.

Yes football can really be billed as the little and large show, currently starring such magical names as England and Southampton captain Kevin Keegan and Alan Ball, described by manager Lawrie McMenemy as "the greatest one touch footballer in Britain."

Of course there are many more, like Ossie Ardiles of Spurs, or Archie Gemmill of Birmingham City, and all of them prove that football is a game for everybody.

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Colin Benson's world of soccer

GOALS, GOALS, GOALS! There can certainly be no complaints from the customers in the First Division this season, for the lads have been scoring with gay abandon, a pleasing kick in the eye for those who believe in negative football.

The first three Saturday's of the new season provided a grand total of 101 scores from 33 fixtures which gives an average figure of 3.06 goals a game. Not bad eh? Well it is a great improvement on the overall figure for last season, in which the average goals figure for the whole of the Football League was just 2.5.

The trend has improved this season with an overall average of 2.67 goals a game covering all four divisions of the League but we are still a far cry from the fifties when the average was some 5.1 goals a game.

You can see how the conversion rate declined over the years by the following statistics: In season 1955-56 the average was 5.1, by 1960-61 it had dropped to 3.5 and by 1965-66, 3.3. In 1970-71 we were down to 2.6 goals a game and by last season the figure was 2.5.

Mind you one should not think that this is an indication that the game has declined in quality over the years, because such figures are

obviously a reflection of the better organised defensive systems. And the old days did not always provide the goals either. In 1949 for instance the League provided just 2.9 goals a game.

Anyway as I say it is great to see that the First Division is discarding the safety first approach and going out there to entertain. There were only two no-score draws in that division over the first three Saturdays, Birmingham against Manchester United and Everton at home to Nottingham Forest.

AND TALKING OF GOALS, Italian Giorgio Chinaglia made history with seven goals in the New York Cosmos' 8-1 victory over the unfortunate Tulsa Roughnecks, in a North American League play-off match. Chinaglia's feat was a league record, beating the five goals netted by Minnesota's Alan Willey in 1978.

STILL IN AMERICA, I see that Pele is to pull on the number ten jersey for New York Cosmos again. The Brazilian legend has agreed to play in Franz Beckenbauer's final game at the end of the month. Pele last played for Cosmos in October 1977.

JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

1. There is only one Football League club which is not a limited company. Which is it?
2. What is the common link between Bill Shankly, Lawrie McMenemy and Ron Ashman?
3. Who is the latest player from Ipswich to be called into the England squad?
4. Who is the Secretary of the Football League?
5. Who won the first League Cup Final at Wembley?
6. And who did they defeat?
7. Which club does Laurie Cunningham play for?
8. Which club has a stags head and the initials MTFC on their badge?
9. Who was Bolton Wanderers leading scorer in the League last season and how many goals did he score?
10. Who are the 'Merry Millers'?

FUN SPOT

There are five League Clubs with an 'X' in their name — which five?

Junior Quiz Answers: 1. Nottingham Forest, 2. All were managers of Grimsby Town, 3. Eric Gates, 4. Graham Kelly, 5. Q.P.R., 6. W.B.A., 7. Real Madrid, 8. Mansfield Town, 9. Neil Whatmore, 10. Rotherham United.

Fun Spot: Wrexham, Exeter, Heston, Oxford, Crewe Alexandra.



WIGAN ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): Tony Quinn, Mike Quinn, George McAllister, Lawrence Tierney, Jeff Wright, Paul Hendry, David Tait.

Middle Row (left to right): Ian Gillibrand (Coach), George Urquhart, Jim Oliver, Neil Davids, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Methven, Peter Houghton, Frank Corrigan, Ken Banks (Trainer/Coach).

Front Row (left to right): Maurice Whittle, Mark Wignall, John Curtis, Tommy Gore, Ian McNeill (Manager), Dave McMullan, Bob Hutchinson, David Glenn, Dave Fretwell.

BROWN, John (Goalkeeper) — Ht: 5'11½" Wt: 12st. 7lbs. Bradford-born John stepped into League Football with Preston at 17 and after spending 11½ years with North End, he was released in 1975. He then had one season with Stockport County before joining Wigan. Player of the Year in 1979-1980.

CURTIS, John (Defender) — Ht: 5'8" Wt: 10st. 3lbs. After a brilliant opening to his career at Blackpool the Poulton-le-Fylde born defender moved on to Blackburn Rovers, and after a short period on loan to Wigan Athletic at the end of the 1978-1979 Season, John finally signed-up for Wigan only to be cruelly halted in his tracks by a leg fracture which left him on the sidelines for all but a handful of last season's games.

GORE, Tommy (Midfield) — Ht: 5'7" Wt: 11st. 3lbs. Tommy spent four years on Liverpool's books and in 1972 played in the F.A. Youth Cup Final. Wigan's pocket dynamo followed Ron Yeats to Tranmere Rovers and stayed 18 months at Prenton Park before joining Wigan as a part-timer. The popular Mersysider has served Wigan well both at non-league and Football League levels. It was Tommy's goal at Chelsea last year which gave Wigan their shock Third Round victory at Stamford Bridge.

WRIGHT, Jeff (Midfield) — Ht: 5'11" Wt: 11st. 10lbs. Played for Tow Law in the Northern League before joining Wigan in 1974. He has shared in many of Wigan's F.A. Cup triumphs at non-league and Football League levels. Ever present for the past two seasons, Jeff is a key member of Wigan's first team squad.

CORRIGAN, Frank (Midfield) — Ht: 5'10" Wt: 11st. 12lbs. As a part-time professional, Frank played for Walsall, Burton Albion, Bangor City and Northwich Victoria before joining Wigan. After making the move into full-time Football League soccer when

Wigan stepped up in status, this skilful and experienced player has gone from strength to strength.

METHVEN, Colin (Defender) — Ht: 6'1" Wt: 12st. 4lbs. Manager Ian McNeill's knowledge of Scottish football enabled him to search out this strong and positive player who became Wigan's record signing at a fee of £30,000 from East Fife in October, 1979. Colin, good in the air and strong in the tackle, soon took over as Captain of the Wigan side and led his men to glory in last year's F.A. Cup competition. The key figure in Wigan's defence, Methven looks eagerly to a promotion challenging year ahead.

DAVIDS, Neil (Defender) — Ht: 6'0" Wt: 12st. 9lbs. Neil played for Yorkshire Schools at right back before joining Leeds United. After five years at Elland Road he joined Norwich City and had loan spells with Northampton Town and Stockport County. Joined Wigan before the start of their first year in League Football. His positive style of play endeared him to the local fans and it was no surprise that the popular Yorkshireman made a first team spot his own.

QUINN, Tony (Forward) — Ht: 5'10" Wt: 11st. 0lbs. With Everton as a junior for three seasons young, Tony moved "across the park" to Liverpool and played in their "A" team which won the Lancashire League. From Liverpool, he joined Wigan and quickly proved an outstanding marksman. Scored in his first five full games for Wigan's Football League side, end of last season.

HUTCHINSON, Bobby (Forward) — Ht: 5'9" Wt: 11st. 4 lbs. Glasgow born, Bobby, a quick moving striker, is expected to give the Wigan Athletic side added skill and experience up front. Formerly a player with Dundee and Hibernian.

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23 S	Hereford U.	4	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
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2 Tu	Barnsley (1C 2)	2	4	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
6 S	Darlington	0	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
13 S	Bury	1	4	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
15 M	Wimbledon	1	4	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
20 S	Adwick	0	1	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
27 S	Wigan A.	0	1	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
30 Tu	Wimbledon	0	1	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
Oct. 3 Fri	Southend U.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
6 M	Tottenham R.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
11 S	Bradford C.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
18 S	Bournemouth	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
21 Tu	Hereford U.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
25 S	Peterborough U.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
27 M	Peterborough T.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
Nov. 1 S	Northampton T.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
3 M	Northampton T.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
8 S	Tranmere R.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
11 Tu	York C.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
15 S	Halifax T.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
19 S	C. A. Cup 1	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
22 S	C. A. Cup 1	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
26 S	Stockport C.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
28 S	F.A. Cup 3	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
30 S	Doncaster R.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
26 Fri	Scanthorpe U.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
27 S	Lincoln C.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
1961											
Jan. 3 S	Hereford U. (3)	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
10 S	Northampton	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
17 S	Hereford U.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
21 S	Port Vale (4)	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
31 S	Hereford U.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
Feb. 7 S	Bury	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
14 S	Darlington (5)	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
21 S	Wigan A.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
28 S	Aldershot	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
Mar. 7 S	Southend U. (6)	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
14 S	Bradford C. (1C)	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
21 S	Bournemouth	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
28 S	Peterborough	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
Apr. 4 S	Rochdale	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
11 S	Torquay (SF)	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
18 S	Lincoln C.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
20 M	Southport	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
25 S	Doncaster R.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
May 1 Fri	Stockport C.	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7
9 S	Cup Final	1	0	Amold	Darlington	Mann	Bird	4	5	6	7

NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE											
Aug. 19 Tu	Halifax T.	Opponents	Venue	F	A						
28 Th	Halifax T.	(1C 1st Rd. 1st Leg)	A	2	0						
Sep. 2 Tu	York C.	(1C 1st Rd. 2nd Leg)	H	4	1						
9 Tu	Lincoln C.		A	3	1						
16 Tu	Bradford C.		H	1	2						
23 Tu	Doncaster R.		A	4	2						
30 Tu	Halifax T.		A	4	2						
Oct. 7 Tu	Middlethorpe		A	A	A						
14 Tu	Hull C.		A	A	A						
21 Tu	Southend		A	H	H						
Nov. 4 Tu	Barnsley		A	H	H						
11 Tu	Grimley T.		A	H	H						
18 Tu	North C.		A	H	H						
25 Tu	Rotherham U.		A	H	H						
2 Dec. 2 Tu	Scunthorpe U.		A	H	H						
9 Tu	Scunthorpe U.		A	H	H						
16 Tu	York C.		A	H	H						
23 Tu	York C.		A	H	H						
30 Tu	York C.		A	H	H						
1961											
Jan. 6 Tu	Bradford C.		M	A	A						
13 Tu	Doncaster R.		M	A	A						
20 Tu	Halifax T.		M	A	A						
27 Tu	Middlethorpe		M	A	A						
Feb. 3 Tu	Hull C.		M	A	A						
9 M	Southend		M	A	A						
17 Tu	Chesterfield		M	A	A						
25 W	Barnsley		M	A	A						
Mar. 3 Tu	Grimley T.		M	A	A						
17 Tu	North C.		M	A	A						
24 Tu	Rotherham U.		M	A	A						
31 Tu	Chesterfield		M	A	A						

FOURTH DIVISION											
		Home									
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8	4	0	6	0	2	1	4	1	4	3	13
8	4	0	1	6	2	1	0	6	1	12	
8	2	0	0	11	1	1	1	2	7	4	
8	1	3	0	7	6	2	1	1	2	7	
8	3	0	0	8	5	2	0	1	5	6	
8	2	0	2	6	5	2	1	1	5	2	
8	3	0	0	1	6	1	1	1	2	3	
8	1	3	0	0	5	3	1	2	1	6	
8	1	3	0	0	5	4	1	2	1	5	
7	3	0	1	4	0	1	0	3	2	8	
8	3	0	1	0	3	2	1	2	8	8	
8	2	0	1	8	5	0	1	1	2	6	
8	2	0	1	2	7	5	1	1	2	6	
8	2	0	1	2	7	5	1	1	2	6	
8	1	1	2	4	7	5	1	1	2	6	
8	2	1	1	6	4	1	0	2	3	4	
8	1	2	1	1	6	5	1	1	1	5	
8	1	0	1	1	6	5	1	1	1	5	
8	2	0	2	5	4	0	1	2	2	4	
8	2	0	2	5	4	0	1	2	2	4	
8	2	0	1	7	3	0	0	4	2	9	
8	2	1	1	7	3	0	0	4	2	9	
8	1	0	3	0	5	2	8	1	1	2	
8	1	0	3	7	2	8	1	0	3	5	
8	1	0	3	7	2	8	1	0	3	5	



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